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WORCESTER, MA (October 24, 2017) — Media plays a significant role in shaping the public's minds and opinions and religion is no different. Assumption College will welcome Father Edward Beck, C.P. '80, *CNN's* faith and religion commentator, who will present "Religion, Church and the Media: A Delicate Balance" at **7 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, in the La Maison Auditorium on the College's Worcester campus, [500 Salisbury St](#)**

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"Religion, Church and the Media: A Delicate Balance," will focus on the various portrayals of faith and religion in mainstream media, particularly through televised news. Fr. Beck will draw upon his 10 years of experience in network and cable news to examine the ways in which mainstream media cover faith and religion in television news.

Fr. Beck graduated from Assumption College in 1980, was ordained in 1985 as a Roman Catholic priest, and is a member of the Passionist Order. For the past 10 years, Fr. Beck has served as a media contributor, providing media analysis on issues of ethics, faith, morality and religion for ABC News, CBS News, Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, ABC Family Channel, HLN and current TV. For four years, he co-hosted the weekly ABC News show *Focus on Faith* with Chris Cuomo. In 2013, Fr. Beck contributed to the coverage of the Conclave that elected Pope

Francis.

In addition to his work in television, Fr. Beck has authored three books published by Doubleday: *God Underneath: Spiritual Memoirs of a Catholic Priest* (2002), *Unlikely Ways Home: Real-Life Spiritual Detours* (2006), and *Soul Provider: Spiritual Steps to Limitless Love* (2009). Along with his books, Fr. Beck also wrote the play *Sweetened Water*, which was performed for the first time at Martha's Vineyard Playhouse in 2015.

This event is part of the College's 2017-18 Presidential Lecture Series, a public forum in which important ethical, spiritual and human issues are illuminated and examined within the Catholic intellectual tradition. All events in the President's Lecture Series at Assumption College are free and open to the public. RSVPs are encouraged due to limited space. To attend, please call Sharon Mahoney at [508.767.7322](tel:508.767.7322) or e-mail shmahone@assumption.edu

ABOUT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, offers undergraduate students 43 majors and 48 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs—each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students—whether on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy, campus—become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College, please visit www.assumption.edu.

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